

"Extract from Entry from Marouis KIDO's Diary, 26 Nov 41"

I met HARA, President of the Privy Council, to consult with him about a Senior Statesmen's conference. I saw the Emperor from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. He said that as for the future outlook of the Japanese-American talks it was feared to our regret that the worst might come to the worst. Under these circumstances, our final decisions as to the war should be carried into practice after another Senior Statesmen's conference which should be convened to have broader and more complete discussions on the matter. The Emperor also said that he wanted to tell his idea to Premier TOJO.

I answered as follows: "As we are going to decide on the final course of a grave action which can never be undone, Your Majesty had better freely put any questions and express your opinions, so that we may not rue the day when we were tempted to do such a thing."

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昭和十六年十一月二十六日分

十一月二十六日(水)晴

午前九時半管轄文書局ヲ訪問全子氏ヨリ候事ノ
様談ニツキ申請ス

十時半出張^ノ辰巳橋下重臣會議云々ニツキ議談
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御ク奉答ス

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決定テアリマスノテ御不察ノ點其ノ他ヨウモシ
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アル様テアレバ御迷惑ナク仰セ置キ行上トシテ
モ後ニ省リテ悔ノナイト文ノ御迷惑方頃ハシイト
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成リマシテ宣シイト存ジマス

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今朝六時半賀陽宮大妃殿下御去接遇タルニツキ
午後一時官邸ニ便候記候
松翁別宅ニ面會御行會上方ノ依頼ス
二時半東條首相御行會後面談重臣會面ニツキ御下
聞アリシカ經テ以テ相談アリシ故ニ奉筆ノ趣
旨ヲ傳ヘ御上ノ御氣持ノ如セラカル様希望ス
三時半外務次官官會ニ於ケル小村侯三十一年祭式
場ニ至リ御禮シテ歸宅
五時是松翁來訪面談